

And ask you to read it to him — The breach which you
have so ably filled and defended, had, without you, left in the
enemy to ravage our citadel and take us all captive — We
had known, and still knew, that Treachery was the big traitor;
that had it been under the guidance of honest men we
were fully aware of the fatal tendency of the movement, and
yet we were thrown off our guard and while we thought we
were conquering them we had well nigh been conquered ^{by them} — I
thank you and Quincy to thank for your vigilance and unclouded
sights at that juncture — You are more hated than any of
by our worst enemies the rest of us, and this alone ^{would} be sufficient evidence to me that
you have done the greatest work for the cause here I see
the evidence — — But when I see through what a wilderness
we have been brought, and the darkness which ^{at times} enshrouds us there,
and the circuitous paths along which we wandered and the occa-
sional longings for the flesh-pots of Egypt which were mani-
fest by many, and then count the numbers who have gone
back or died on their way or been drawn off to the enemy,
I say when I see this, and many other things, and then bring in
strong contrast with it our present blessed and bright
land of promise, where are no clouds and no obvious paths,
but a clear straight forward ~~path~~ ^{road} which none can mistake
I exult and thank God that M. W. Chapman and E. Quincy
were willing to be hated for ^{doing} the most unthankful work in
the cause — — I write this for my own heart's ease and
not because I think you need or with any encouragement
those who have been faithful at such times, and at such
cost as yourselves, have other support than that derived
from human gratitude — — I write, because I cannot well

avoid it — It gives me pleasure to express myself to
you on this question which involves so much for the slave,
so much for our country, so much for ourselves, and so
much for the world — Therefore you will pardon me for speak-
ing thus plainly —

We are getting on pretty well here tho we have more to
contend with since Liberty party has been aroused to a sense
of our encroachments — I every day expect Beily to be out
on us under true Glog — He has got to where he refuses to
acknowledge our meetings — He is very sore at the loss of
Gambt Brock who has done so much for the circulation of
his paper, and some state that we are throwing his paper
out and getting ours in — Gambt gets more subscribers than
any other man I ever knew — — We go to Cincinnati ^{next}
Wednesday — Our meetings there commence on the 13 — The con-
vention to form a Santhouston Society commences on the 18 —
We are sorry to leave this section just now as we have but
just got the people awakened — But our arrangements are to
visit the Santhouston part of the State after leaving ^{Cincinnati} ~~Pots~~
and from there to Pittsburgh and a few other places in Western
Pa — and then again into Ohio — We intend visiting Columbus
during the session of the Legislature — We intend to visit

How much I wish to be at your Fair — May your zeal
be more than your most sanguine expectations —

My affectionate regards to all — Stephen sends love
Yours as ever

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